

## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

### **Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge**

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### ***Media Release***

*For Immediate Release:*

### **Bear River Refuge Preparing for a Prescribed Burn near Perry, Utah**

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge to conduct a prescribed burn this week on the wetland units near Perry, Utah. The day chosen for this burn will be determined by weather conditions that provide an optimum result for decreasing the amount of dead cover from the invasive plant species known as “phragmites”. The burn area will include wetland areas not open to the public. However, due to the location, smoke will be visible to visitors along the I-15 corridor near Perry.

According to Bob Barrett, Refuge Manager, “The Refuge is implementing a prescribed burn plan that requires lowered water levels for the boat launch near Perry, but will result in enhanced habitat productivity for the long term. Phragmites often displaces more desirable native plant species that provide food and cover to wild birds. The strategy to control this plant is to burn the dead cover, then follow up with a summer grazing or herbicide application.” The public is invited to call the Refuge prior to making a trip, to check on status of the burn plan. The Refuge Education Center and Auto Tour Loop will be open regular hours. Please call the refuge at (435) 723-5887 during business hours for more information.

The Wildlife Education Center is located at 2155 W. Forest St., Brigham City, one block west of I-15 at Exit 363. The Center offers interactive exhibits, wetland diorama, 2 miles of outdoor trail, and is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. The Auto Tour Loop is open daily from sunrise to sunset. For more information call 435.723.5887.

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